

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Title with the following amended Title:

~~BREATHABLE FOOTWEAR PIECES WORKSHOES AND METHODS FOR
MANUFACTURING SUCH~~

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] Upper 150 further includes a substantially vertical region 151 that includes one or more ventilators 181. Fig. 1 illustrates a preferred embodiment wherein each of the ventilators 181 extend up a majority of the height of vertical region 151. As with ventilators 182, ventilators 181 can be, but are not limited to, openings that are formed in upper 150 as base section 110 is being molded. Alternatively, ventilators 181 can be openings formed in upper 150 after formation and/or assembly of upper 150. As yet another alternative, ventilators 181 can be formed as part of an assembly process associated with upper 150. Thus, for example, ventilators 181 can be openings between assembled parts of upper 150. Based on the disclosure provided herein, one of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate a number of different ventilator types and methods for forming such.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] As depicted, upper 150 includes a substantially horizontal region 152 that rises toward an upper opening perimeter 170. When worn, the upper opening perimeter can contact an area of the human foot in front of, and below the ankle. Upper 150 can be designed such that upper opening perimeter 170 is disposed only a short distance from toe region 155, in which case it will be formed in substantially horizontal region 152. Alternatively, upper 150 can be designed to extend farther up the foot toward the ankle, in which cases it will be in a more vertical region of upper 150. A decorative pattern 190 may or may not be molded ~~formed~~ or otherwise created near upper opening perimeter 170. As depicted, upper opening perimeter 170 and decorative

pattern 190 can extend from the location of rivet 131a to that of rivet 131b (shown in other figures).

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] Sole 162 includes a rear sole perimeter 160 that defines the rear portion of sole 160. In some cases, this region is raised above a support base 165 that is the area that is in contact with the bottom part of the human foot. Such a raised rear sole perimeter provides some support to the heel of the human foot and helps maintain footwear piece 100 in position. In other embodiments, rear sole perimeter 160 is not raised. In addition, support base 165 includes a raised pattern 166 throughout the surface where the foot contacts support base 165. As shown in Fig. 1, the bottom surface of sole 162 includes a toe portion 167 that is raised slightly from the generally flat plane of sole 162. As best shown in Fig. 5, the bottom surface of sole 162 also preferably includes a heel portion 168 that is raised slightly from the generally flat plane of sole 162.